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SUBJ: GOI CANDIDACY FOR SECURITY COUNCIL SEAT

1. THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AMBASSADORS IN NEW DELHI HAVE DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY OF CONCERTED ACTION TO SUPPORT INDIA'S CANDIDACY FOR THE VACANT SECURITY COUNCIL. THE WEST GERMAN AMBASSADOR IS TAKING THE LEAD IN THIS EFFORT. THE UK EMBASSY IS NOT VERY PLEASED ABOUT IT, PREFERRING TO FOLLOW NORMAL UK POLICY WHICH WAITS FOR A REGIONAL CONSENSUS.

2. THE THINKING BEHIND THE WEST GERMAN INITIATIVE HERE IS THAT EC SUPPORT FOR THE INDIAN CANDIDACY WOULD ENCOURAGE A MODERATE GOI STANCE ON ECONOMIC ISSUES IN THE UN. THE WEST GERMAN EMBASSY HERE REPORTS IT SISTER MISSION AT THE UN IS SKEPTICAL OF THIS REASONING. THE GERMANS HERE CONTINUE TO PUSH THE EFFORT IN THEIR BILATERAL CONTACTS WITH THE GOI, AND TO PROMOTE IT WITHIN THE EC GROUP. THE LATEST FORMULA PROPOSED BY THE GERMANS IS THAT SOME UNDERSTANDING SHOULD BE REACHED

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WHEREBY PAKISTAN WOULD OCCUPY A SEAT ON THE ECOSOC DURING ANY

PERIOD WHEN INDIA HAD A SECURITY COUNCIL SEAT. WE DO NOT
KNOW WHAT THE GOI RESPONSE, IF ANY, WAS TO THIS SUGGESTION.

3. OUR WEST GERMAN EMBASSY COLLEAGUE CAUTIONED US THAT BONN'S
OFFICIAL POSITION DOES NOT AT THIS TIME PUBLICLY SUPPORT THE
INDIAN CANDIDACY. NOT THE LEAST INTERESTING ASPECT OF THE
WHOLE EXERCISE, IN OUR VIEW, IS THAT IT CONSTITUTES ONE OF THE
RARE EFFORTS BY THE WEST EUROPEANS TO EXERT SOME POLITICAL
INFLUENCE IN NEW DELHI.
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